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TAGS: PDIP, ET, US

SUBJECT: RECALL OF POLITICAL COUNSELOR

REF: ADDIS ABABA 1757

I. YOU SHOULD SEEK IMMEDIATE APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER FELLEKE, OR PERMSEC MAJOR DAWIT IF FELLEKE NOT
IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE, TO REGISTER ORAL PROTEST OVER PMGSE
REQUEST FOR RECALL OF POLITICAL COUNSELOR MALIN. YOU
SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

-- PMGSE ACTION IS TOTALLY WITHOUT ANY JUSTIFICATION AND IS
A VIOLATION OF THE ACCEPTED NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL BEHAVIOR.

-- PMGSE ACTION IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE EXCEPT AS PART OF A
PATTERN OF ACTIONS DESIGNED TO HARM RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR
TWO COUNTRIES. THAT PATTERN INCLUDES SUCH ACTIONS AS THE
RECENT TOTALLY UNFOUNDED ALEGATIONS OF US/SOMALI PLOTTING
AGAINST DJIBOUTI, THE PMGSE RUDENESS IN FAILING TO RESPOND
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FOR TWO AND-A-HALF MONTHS TO THE US REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT
FOR A NEW AMBASSADOR, PMGSE FAILURE TO ACCEPT SINCERE
EFFORTS BY THE USG TO SUPPORT PMGSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
GOALS, VICIOUS PROPAGANDA ATTACKS AGAINST THE US BY HIGH-

RANKING ETHIOPIAN LEADERS WHICH DISTORT PRESENT FACT AND
PAST HISTORY, ETC.

-- THE CITED ACTIONS AND NOW THIS ACTION AGAINST THE EMBASSY ARE CREATING A PMGSE RECORD WHICH IS MAKING INCREASINGLY QUESTIONABLE ETHIOPIA'S CLAIM THAT IT IS A NON-ALIGNED NATION.

-- THE ACTION AGAINST MR. MALIN SUGGESTS THAT PERSONS HOSTILE TO A NORMAL US-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONSHIP ARE ABLE TO INFLUENCE THOSE IN AUTHORITY IN ADDIS ABABA. WE ARE NOT GOING TO GIVE SUCH PERSONS THE SATISFACTION OF RETALIATORY US ACTION, HOWEVER NORMAL AND ACCEPTABLE SUCH RETALIATION WOULD BE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. WE WILL, RATHER, CONTINUE TO TRY TO CONDUCT OUR RELATIONS WITH ETHIOPIA IN A NORMAL FASHION IN THE HOPE THAT REASON WILL REASSERT ITSELF WITHIN THE ETHIOPIAN RULING CIRCLES.

-- WE ARE ACCEDING TO THE PMGSE REQUEST THAT WE RECALL MR. MALIN IN ORDER TO PREVENT HIS CASE FROM BEING FURTHER EXPLOITED AND IN THE HOPE OF PREVENTING IT FROM BECOMING A FURTHER OBSTACLE TO IMPROVED RELATIONS, WHICH WE SINCERELY DESIRE.

2. DEPT HAS CALLED IN ETHIOPIAN CHARGE TO MAKE THESE POINTS.

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